

GOMPERS CALLS ARBITRATION BY LAW TYRANNICAL

Offers Help to State Federations to Fight Compulsory Laws.

The American Federation of Labor, which has heretofore announced in figurative and tentative ways that it intended to throw its entire strength behind any effort on the part of the employers of the country to deprive the workers of the advantages won during the war, came out into the open yesterday with an offer to lend all financial and moral support possible in every State city and town to any movement designed to check the passage of compulsory arbitration laws by the various State legislatures.

"Reaction in many sections is rampant," says a letter sent yesterday by Samuel Gompers, president of the federation to State federations of labor.

"It is threatened that efforts will be made to have the legislatures of all the States enact compulsory arbitration laws with compulsory labor provisions. It may be attempted in the legislature of your State. Having this thought in mind, it seems to me that I should address a communication to you and also to the officers of the other State federations of labor affiliated to the American Federation of Labor to urge upon you and your colleagues to be alert and on guard so that the forces of labor may use every endeavor at their command to prevent the enactment of laws that would enslave the workers and to prevent the nullifying of existing laws that conserve the rights and liberties of all the people."

"It is needless for me to assure you that the American Federation of Labor will co-operate in every way within its power with your State federations of labor in their work along these lines."

"The A. F. of L. can be of service by urging the workers of your State to take active part in the battle against reaction, by the distribution of literature among them, by forming corps of four-minute speakers in every city and town where there are reactionary employers, by presenting the whole truth to the people, generally. Resistance to tyranny, in whatever form expressed, is a moral obligation of the American labor movement."

I SEE BY THE HERALD

What When Where

Meeting, the Sixteenth Street Heights Citizens' Association, residence of Thomas Humphrey, Jr., 1215 Fern street northwest, 8 p. m.

The Anthropological Society of Washington, meeting, National Museum, 414 p. m.

The Arts Club, entertainment, 8 p. m., at the clubhouse.

The New Jersey State Society, Wilson Normal School, Eleventh and Harvard streets northwest, 8 p. m.

Washington Camp, No. 305, Sons of Confederate Veterans, 1322 Vermont avenue, 8 p. m.

The Council of Jewish Women, meeting, vestry rooms of the temple, 2:30 p. m.

Mount Pleasant W. C. T. U., meeting, home of Miss Elizabeth Reiss, 1806 Belmont place, 3 p. m.

Twentieth Century Club, archaological, meeting, home of Mrs. John Lowe, 2622 Woodley place, 2:30 p. m.

Dedication, Phillips Wheatley Club, branch of the Y. W. C. A., Ninth street and Rhode Island avenue northwest, 8 p. m.

Address, Dr. Abram Simon, Johnson-Powell Community Association, Powell School, 8 p. m.

City Fire Fighters' Association, Pythian Temple, entertainment and dance, 8 p. m.

Graduating exercises, Riley School of Spinal Therapy, New Masonic Temple, 8 p. m.

Lecture, Corinthian Yacht Club, 8 p. m.

Lecture, on "The Ku Klux Klan," by Prof. L. M. Hershaw before the Bethel Literary Society, at Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, tonight.

Massachusetts State Society, meeting, Thompson School, 8:15 p. m.

National Lodge Fishing Club, informal dance, Elks' Hall, 919 H street northwest, 8:30 p. m.

Banquet, Monday Evening Club, Raucher's, 7 p. m.

Washington Poultry Show, opens this morning, Convention Hall.

Today's Amusements.

Garrick-Fritz Leiber in "Hamlet."

Belasco-Lionel Atwill in "Debut."

National-Ruth Chatterton in "Mary Rose."

Poll-Washington Opera Company in "Aida."

Keith-Vaudeville, matinee daily.

Strand-Vaudeville and pictures, matinee daily.

Cosmos-Vaudeville and pictures, matinee daily.

Gaiety-"Boston Burlesquers."

Polly-"All Jazz Revue."

Metropolitan-Mr. and Mrs. Carter De Haven in "Twin Beds."

Rialto-Mahlon Hamilton in "Half a Chance."

Palace-Billie Burke in "The Frisky Mrs. Johnson."

Garden-Thomas Meligan in "Conrad in Quest of His Youth."

Columbia-"Idols of Clay."

Knickbocker-"The Penalty."

Crandall-Charles Ray in "An Old-Fashioned Boy."

STEP FORWARD, FAIR MISS! YOUR FACE WINS TICKETS



—National Photo Co.

"Laugh and the world laughs with you; weep and you weep alone," once wrote Col. Joyce or Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Disregarding the vexing counter charges of plagiarism which were advanced by both these literary favorites, didn't one or the other say a mouthful?

The weather and the girl were fair and the noon hour propitious for excellent photography when The Herald reporter and camera man brought about this fortunate reproduction.

It was outside the building housing a branch of the Adjutant General's office that the engaging countenance and smile of the young lady were done into film. The photographer had just retailed one of the jokes he learned when The Herald was young and was supremely gratified at the laughter. If you were a newspaper man, you would know what a nine-days' wonder it is to find a news photographer in any such a mental state.

But a message for the subject is the burden of this song. There awaits her at The Herald Office, 427 Eleventh street northwest, a month's free subscription to The Herald and two tickets to the Garrick Theater tonight, if she will call upon Col. Hassan, Picture Editor.

Self-identification by the fair subjects of The Herald's picture contest is almost an immediate sequel to publication of the anonymous photograph. It was Mrs. J. T. Connell, of 1409 Fifteenth street northwest, who visited the office of Col. Hassan, Picture Contest Editor, yesterday, established herself as the original of the cut in Monday's paper and was awarded a month's subscription to The Herald and pass for two seats to B. F. Keith's Theater last night.

CITIZENS PROTEST TIA JUANA REVELS

Cock and Bull Fights, Booze And Games Declared in Full Sway.

Tia Juana, Mexico's "Little Monte Carlo," still menaces the morals of San Diego, Calif., according to a reform group that yesterday presented to Acting Secretary of State Davis a petition signed by San Diego's mayor, other officials and twenty-four public welfare organizations asking that protest be made to the Mexican government against conditions and upon failure of a clean-up, that passports be refused.

It was indicated some time ago to the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the same body which led in yesterday's protest, that the State Department was not in a position to take the stand requested.

Tia Juana is a paradise for the gambler and the wicked, according to descriptions furnished by members of the delegation. It consists of a race track, a "Monte Carlo" housing seventy-two gambling machines, a cabaret, places for opium making, cock fights, bull fights, saloons and houses of ill repute, they said. San Diego, only a short distance across the border, is "greatly plagued with crime and disease" on account of its obnoxious neighbor, it is declared.

Representative Randall of California led the delegation.

Daniels Attacks Anglo-Jap-Yank Naval Reduction

The proposed "naval holiday," ending efforts of the United States, Great Britain and Japan to outstrip each other on the seas for a period of five years, will not have the support of this administration, Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, made it plain yesterday that he would not support any such proposition.

Daniels believes that such a step would be a reversion to the policies which brought about the world war and that unless all nations can be brought into an association to limit armaments the joint action would rest of the world.

BIG HOSPITAL FIRE STIRS OPPOSITION TO UNSAFE WARDS

Walter Reed Officers Urge That Army Abandon Fire Traps.

Awakened to the possibility of blazes in temporary army hospital buildings more disastrous than that which cost a life and did \$25,000 property damage at Walter Reed on Sunday, Congress, the Public Health Service and Walter Reed officers yesterday opened a campaign for abandonment of frame firetraps as wards for physically and mentally stricken men in uniform.

An investigating board headed by Maj. L. W. Webb, Jr., executive officer at Walter Reed, reported findings that the fire was of incendiary origin and recommended to Col. Glennon, commandant, that "the wards destroyed be not replaced except by fireproof structures."

Cites Other Cases.

Surgeon General Cummings, U. S. Public Health Service, cited the Walter Reed conflagration and other recent fires in frame post buildings as demonstrating "the great danger from fire shown by many outbreaks that are constantly occurring, but that are prevented from becoming disastrous by the vigilance and hard work of the hospital personnel and patients."

"Most of them," says Gen. Cummings' statement in reference to army hospitals and those turned over to his service, "are of wood, flimsily built, and burn like tinder. Many are cold, for they are hard to heat in winter; are insanitary, largely because of their location and the haste with which they were constructed under pressure of war; and are dreary, a fact which plays an important part in the cure of many patients. Some of them have been owned by the government for years."

Legislation providing for the erection of permanent fireproof buildings at all the hospitals which it is the intention of the War Department to retain will be pressed at this session of Congress.

Coinciding with this movement are indications that there will be an investigation by members of Congress to determine what policy guided officers of the Army Medical Corps in keeping psychopathic cases, especially those where the derangement was pronounced, in wooden barracks.

Victim Blamed.

According to Maj. Webb's report, the fire which destroyed two psychopathic wards at Walter Reed, was started by Alvin Messenger, sergeant of the Seventh Coast Artillery, who lost his life in the flames. Messenger was searched twice for matches on Saturday when admitted to the institution. Testimony of other patients, who were in the room, was taken to a chair cushion in his room. They declared he was laughing "as if in satisfaction over his work." It is further shown that Messenger once got out of the blazing building but that he re-entered.

Positive identification was made by consultation of Messenger's medical chart, showing several missing teeth and absence of an operation, from appendix from an operation.

A group of medical officers, a medical detachment, several women officers of the nurse corps, and student nurses are highly commended for their bravery and efficiency in the fire. The investigating board found that all orders were carried out promptly and that all patients were removed with dispatch. All patients have been accounted for.

Gen. Ireland at Hot Springs.

Gen. M. W. Ireland, U. S. Army, and Mrs. Ireland have gone to Hot Springs, Va., to attend a meeting of the Southern Surgical Association before which Gen. Ireland will read a paper on "Medical Preparedness." It is expected they will return to Washington the latter part of the week.

Steal Dentist's Handbag.

A handbag, containing dental instruments and supplies valued at \$200, was stolen yesterday from Harry Shapiro, of Philadelphia, Pa., in the waiting room at the Union Station. An old handbag was left in place of the stolen one, the police reported.

Baker Incognito Told of Army by Irate Doughboy

Secretary of War Reported to Have Seen Baker in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 13.—When Secretary Baker started from Washington to Baltimore to attend a smoker of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, of which he is a member, he had no idea he was to hear unreserved comment on himself. When he boarded the train he found the cars crowded and took a seat alongside one of the doughboys whose destinies he has directed for the last few years.

This doughboy, like several others, was both aggrieved and talkative, and to the patient citizen beside him launched into a tirade against the army, how the army was run, and the people who ran it. He was quite specific about the secretary, who kept a grim silence. The doughboy concluded with a fervent hope "that conditions in the army would soon improve," and said "they could not grow worse."

When they reached Baltimore, Baker, still incognito, paid a soldier a compliment, and, having a sense of humor, retorted his experience in the smoker.

STATE HIGHWAYS NEED MORE FUNDS

Convention to Ask Congress For Money to Continue Federal Aid Program.

Congress will be asked to make an immediate appropriation for the continuation of the Federal aid road program, it is expected, as a result of the facts which will be brought to light at the sixth annual convention of the American Association of the State Highway Officials which opened at the Washington Hotel yesterday.

Secretary of Agriculture Meredith welcomed the delegates in the morning. The gathering includes 250 of the principal engineers of the forty-eight State highway departments.

The present appropriation of \$275,000,000 made in 1916 for a five-year period will be exhausted this year, according to Secretary Meredith. The Secretary urged the necessity for legislation during the present session of Congress looking to a continuance of the present program at the rate of \$100,000,000 per year, the rate now being maintained in the projects.

Paul D. Sargent, president of the association, dwelt on the necessity for the regulation of motor vehicles for the conservation of highways.

Thomas H. MacDonald, chief of the Bureau of Public Roads, spoke of progress already made due to the co-operation of the Federal and State governments in the construction, improvement and conservation of roads.

The meeting of the association will be continued until Thursday.

Solons' Wit Pleases Ohio State Society

Representative Simeon D. Fess, of Ohio, revealed some of the experiences of a campaigning Congressman in a short address to members of the Ohio State Society at Kauch's last night.

Senator-elect Hefflin, of Alabama, also entertained with some of his repertoire of negro dialect stories which he has brought North for the winter season. Dancing and refreshments followed the speaking.



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BUREAU REFORM BILL COMES UP IN HOUSE TODAY

Expect Immediate Vote On Reorganization Plan By Reavis.

The House today will begin consideration of the Reavis resolution creating a joint Congressional committee to hear legislative proposals for reorganization of the government departments and to make a thorough investigation of duplication and overlapping in the Federal service and report to Congress with recommendations. The committee would consist of three members from each branch of Congress.

This measure already has passed the Senate where it was introduced last session by Senator Smoot of Utah. Since the measure is not a partisan one and casts no reflection upon the Democratic administration.

The governmental machinery exists today exactly as in the days of Alexander Hamilton.

Moore Has Bill for Reform.

One of the many bills already introduced providing for changes in the governmental machinery and which will be referred to the committee, was introduced by Representative R. Walton Moore, Democrat of Virginia, who has taken a deep interest in the problem and has assisted Representative Reavis in working out details.

It is expected that Senator Smoot will be selected chairman of the proposed committee and that Representatives Reavis and Moore will be appointed members.

The committee it is expected, will begin consideration of the reorganization scheme by taking up the Reavis measure providing for the creation of a Department of Public Works to take the place of the present Interior Department.

This department would co-ordinate within it all government activities relating to engineering, construction, surveying, map-making, road-building, river and harbor work and activities of a similar nature.

Would Transfer Activities.

Bureaus now in the Interior Department, not in harmony with these activities would be transferred to other departments with which their activities are more closely related.

The plan for governmental reorganization does not deal with the saving of millions but of hundreds of millions, it was declared last week when the Rules Committee was asked for a special rule to place the resolution before the House.

The special rule provides for two hours' general debate on the measure, after which it will be taken up under the five-minute rule.

Asks Strict Regulations For Driving Automobiles

Drastic regulations requiring a thorough examination to determine ability to operate an automobile and "intelligence that discretion alone supplies" and attachment of photographs to drivers' licenses to prevent their use by others, are advocated as a cure for Washington's traffic ills by Elijah E. Knott, District National Bank Building, in a letter to Senator Dillingham of Vermont, sponsor of a traffic bill now before that body.

"The most important feature of the street traffic," Knott wrote, "seems from personal observation as a pedestrian to be the auto driver. Recklessness, intoxication, stupidity, ignorance, blind indifference, lack of knowledge and youthful indiscretion on the part of operators of cars and trucks where the trained engineer of a locomotive has responsibility is a flagrant danger in Washington today."

WAR HERO CARRIED MEDALS IN POCKET

I Have Just Come Down to My Cabin to Make a Few Notes of an Incident that Occurred on Deck but a Moment Ago.

A certain unpopular passenger was meddling with one of the life buoys on promenade deck "B." The deck sailor approached him politely and said: "Please keep your hands off that red can that is attached to the buoy. It is a safety device to guide any passenger who may have fallen overboard."

The passenger answered rather surlily: "Yes; I know all about that. I had those things around my neck in the Dardanelles. Besides, who are you to butt in and get so important? Where are the stripes on your jacket like all the other stewards and sailors have on their coats? What did you do in the war, anyhow?" The sailor came to attention and said: "Oh, well, I didn't do very much, but I keep my decorations in my pocket. I am not going around swanking."

Then he turned on his heels and walked away. A little later I talked to the library steward, who was closing up the bookcases and turning out the light in the reading room. I told him of the incident. The steward smiled, and unlocking a bookcase again, he took down a bulky volume called "A Merchant Fleet at War," and turning to page 77, he pointed to a paragraph and asked me to read it. I read how one George Parry, in conjunction with another steward, saved over 100 lives in the sinking of the Lusitania. Parry showed extraordinary bravery and had the bronze medal for gallantry pinned on his breast at Buckingham Palace by King George. When I finished the paragraph, the library steward remarked quietly:

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Immigrant Suspension Bill's Fate in Doubt in Upper Body.

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